

Remarks

I. Status of Claims

Claims 1-160 were pending in this application. Claims 1-120 and 152-155 have been withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner. Claims 121-151 and 156-160 have been cancelled. New claims 161-163 have been added. Accordingly, claims 1-120, 152-155, and 161-163 are pending in this application.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesy of a telephone interview on April 7, 2003. Applicants had elected the claims of Group IV in response to a Restriction Requirement dated April 24, 2002. Applicants now wish to pursue the claims of Group I, claims 1-40, and respectfully request that these claims be prosecuted following the filing of the accompanying RCE. Accordingly, claims 121-151 and 156-160 have been cancelled.

Additionally, new claims 161-163 have been added, directed to kits comprising the composition of claim 1. Support for claims 161 and 162 can be found in the specification at p. 18, lines 11-17. Support for claim 163 can be found in originally filed claim 155, which Applicants believe should be grouped with the claims of Group I. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

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II. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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